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REPORT.

THE operations of an organization, such as "*The Home Missionary Society of the City of Philadelphia,*" present little that is calculated to strike by its impressiveness, or to surprise by its novelty. The history of human suffering, however various may be its details, is in its general aspect a very monotonous one. Beneath the manifestations of wealth and happiness which float on the surface of society, there is, at all times, the same dark understream of crime and destitution and woe, heeded only by the few whose benevolence prompts them to explore its depths and to labor for its diminution. And as the want and calamity which prevail around us are thus disregarded by the superficial observer, so equally silent and unnoticed are the efforts put forth for their removal. Like hidden waters, these efforts betray their presence only by the verdure and joy which spring up along their secret course.

In this manner has this Society prosecuted its labors during the past eventful year. Attracting little attention and sympathy compared with the charities which occupy a wider platform and stand forth more prominently in the public view, it has pursued its noiseless but beneficent way, seeking, to the utmost of its resources, to succor the neglected children of poverty and sorrow. Through the unwearied exertions of its devoted and efficient agents, relief and consolation have been administered to many distressed families, the wants of the worthy poor have been supplied, the ignorant instructed, the afflicted cheered, and the sufferings of the outcast and homeless alleviated by Christian aid and counsel.

In carrying out this work of mercy,
5270 visits were made by the Agents of the Society, and
3626 destitute families relieved by the distribution among them of
749 orders for coal,
1069 " groceries,

650 pairs of shoes,
442 articles of clothing, old and new,
4 bed quilts,
30 lbs. of coffee,
2400 " corn meal,
5 barrels crackers,
100 lbs. codfish,
12 boxes herring,
100 lbs. pork,
25 " cheese,
3 barrels beans, and
50 lbs. rice.
22 families were supplied with coal at half price,
208 " " medicines,
51 persons furnished with meals,
22 physicians' prescriptions filled,
270 soup tickets given,
75 persons sent to House of Industry,
30 to the Almshouse, and
12 to the Hospital.
104 children were provided with good homes,
10 placed in the children's homes, and
6 adopted by worthy, Christian persons.
118 persons supplied with work,
35 with transportation from the city,
110 could not be found at places designated, and
180 were not worthy of assistance.
2000 tracts were distributed,
1200 books,
1200 papers, and
18 bibles.
62 addresses were delivered,
5 funerals attended,
240 children gathered into Sabbath-schools, and
2 Sabbath-schools organized.

This statement shows that there has been no lack of industry or energy on the part of the Agents employed by the Society, for it will compare favorably with the reports of former years. The great trouble, and, indeed, the only trouble, is, that the funds received are so disproportioned to the demands constantly made on the Association; they have to be spread out over too much ground, and, as a consequence, their power to relieve, in a large majority of cases, is greatly curtailed. Were it otherwise, *i. e.*, did this Society receive annually from the community the sum of, say, twenty thousand dollars, it could, with its present arrangements,

do *much more effectively*, at least *three times* the work it now does, while its *expenses* would be very *slightly increased*. No better organization for the purpose exists in our city, and it would be greatly to the benefit of the community did they bestow upon it more attention and favor.

The Treasurer had a balance on hand, December 16th, 1872, of - - - - - - -	$2,325 09
He has received since, up to and including December 15th, 1873, - - - - - - -	7,123 67
	$9,448 76
He has paid out for all purposes, - -	8,686 96
Which leaves a balance of - - - - on hand, December 15th, 1873.	$761 80

A very small sum truly to carry on so important and useful a work as this. And it is to be hoped, especially in view of the extraordinary demands being made daily on the Society, arising out of the present depressed state of business, that the contributions to the funds will flow in more freely and liberally.

This Association, however, does not present itself to the public as a *mere distributor of alms*—that were a poor office indeed, and one in which an abundance of customers can readily be found to carry off with alacrity however much might be intrusted to it—it has a higher aim in view; it seeks constantly and earnestly to relieve the community of pauperism and crime, by placing the needy and fallen who come under its care, in the way of escape from their poverty and degradation. And that it has succeeded in doing this to a greater or less extent for the past thirty-eight years, its Managers have ample evidence. A few cases by way of illustration.

A poor, orphaned boy, whose case was mentioned in the last Annual Report, was left at an early age to shift for himself as best he could. The circumstances by which he was surrounded were such as to lead almost unavoidably to a low and vicious life; and such was his character for wickedness, that it was deemed absolutely necessary to confine him in the House of Refuge, whither he was sent at the tender age of nine years. While in that institution his reputation for doing evil became worse and worse, until it was found, or thought requisite to send him to Moyamensing Prison, where the Agent of this Society found him at the age of fifteen. He expressed sorrow for the life he had thus far led, and seemed earnestly desirous to escape into better surroundings, so that he might have some chance of leading a better life. The Agent took him out of prison, where, and at the House of Refuge, he had spent some six years, and found a good home for him with a kind,

Christian farmer in Delaware. This was considerably more than a year ago. From the very first the farmer has expressed himself as being entirely satisfied with his conduct. He treats him as one of his own family, and has always found him promptly obedient, and willing and cheerful at his work. The Agent of the Society, while placing other destitute children in that neighborhood last summer, called to see him; both were gratified by the interview, and the Agent came away with grateful tears, thanking our Heavenly Father, who careth for all alike, for the rescue of that poor, abandoned boy. It is not requisite to comment on a case like this—it speaks for itself. The farmer says he could not get a better boy. Let us hope and pray that he may be enabled to continue to lead a good and useful life.

Some two years since, the General Agent introduced to the writer a well-dressed, intelligent-looking young man of about twenty-three years of age, just out of college, full of hope and spirit, and ready and eager to enter upon the battle of life in earnest. He bore with him certificates from the best men of the town from whence he came, attesting, in the strongest terms, their confidence and esteem, and earnestly recommending him as being, in the highest sense, a trustworthy and able young man. Fourteen years previously that boy had been taken by this Society from the possession of a miserably drunken and besotted mother, and surrounded by the most fearfully degrading associations, and placed on a farm in Delaware with Christian people. He proved to be so good and industrious a boy that he soon won the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. He became a member of the Church while still quite young, *and saved enough out of his own earnings to give himself a course in college.* He was now here fully prepared and ready for work, seeking employment. By the aid of the General Agent this was soon secured for him, and he has since married into a very excellent family of good social surroundings, and settled down to be a useful Christian member of society. If space permitted the relation of all the particulars connected with this boy's history up to the time of his coming under the care of this Institution, no one could read it without shedding tears. And yet see the result. Need any more be written? The last time he saw his wretched mother she was in the Almshouse. He had almost given her up as dead, when it was suggested he might find her in that institution. No such name was on the books—probably she entered under an assumed name—pass through the wards and see. She was found. What a sight met his eyes! He had better have remained under the belief that she was dead. It was a heart-rending scene that no Christian would desire to see a second time, and one calculated to cast a dark shadow over all his future life.

A number of years ago two orphans, a boy and a girl, were brought to the office by an aunt who was unable to support them. She put them in charge of the Society, requesting the Agent to procure permanent homes for them. He placed the boy in one of the City Homes, and for the girl he found a good refuge in the country, in what proved to be a well-ordered, Christian family. The relationship thus established proved to be, throughout its entire continuance, mutually agreeable. She was afforded opportunity, of which she made good use, to acquire a suitable education; and at the expiration of her allotted time of service, she returned to the city, and through the assistance of the Agent, obtained employment by which she was enabled to support herself respectably. She became a member of the Church, and soon after was united in marriage to an intelligent and thrifty young mechanic. They now occupy *their own home*, and are quite happy and prosperous.

A poor little girl of some eleven years of age, whose father was dead, and whose mother was leading a life of shame and intemperance, was found by the Agent in a police station, whither she had been taken by a kind officer to save her from the abuse and neglect of her degraded and unnatural mother. She was placed in the family of a clergyman residing in the country; after she had been with them for the time agreed upon, giving entire satisfaction, she was transferred to the family of another clergyman, where she now lives, beloved by all its members, and giving good promise of becoming a useful member of society. Her wretched mother, in a drunken frolic, broke a coal-oil lamp and was burned to death.

These are no fancy sketches, but real, absolute, plain facts. There is no exaggeration or embellishment for effect, but they are stated as briefly as possible, in plain, stiff language, and have been selected at random out of a great number of cases somewhat similar in many respects. And they are submitted without comment, as they speak sufficiently of themselves.

There are to-day, in different parts of this city and State, and in other States, hundreds of respectable, intelligent and industrious men and women, filling useful positions in society, who, years ago, were rescued from like conditions by this Association. But not only has it rescued helpless children from lives of want and crime; many men and women, and even whole families, have been delivered from the thraldom of poverty and degradation. Shall it cease to work in so good and noble a cause? It is for the citizens of Philadelphia generally, and its Churches particularly, to decide. They possess the power to continue the Society's existence, and to enlarge and increase its usefulness; and the Board of Managers respectfully submit the matter to them, in the earnest hope that their appeal will not be in vain.

There is one other subject the Board feel it a duty to notice before closing this Report; it is that of street-begging and drunkenness; these are the all and ever fruitful sources of nearly all the poverty and crime in our city. Were these two widespread and constantly increasing evils removed from our midst, there would be but little need of benevolent institutions like that whose Board of Managers are now presenting to the public, in this paper, their *Thirty-Eighth Annual Report.* But how is it possible to stop these two great generators of indolence, poverty and vice, so long as the thoughtless bestowment of alms is so freely and carelessly practised? There is *no charity* in *giving* to street-beggars and drunken persons; a deeper depth of degradation can only result therefrom, while at the same time it works injury to the honest and worthy poor. It may be set down pretty much as an absolute certainty, that no right-minded, industrious, sober person will be found begging, for such can, and usually do, find work of some kind. It is only the lazy, indolent, intemperate and dishonest that are found on the streets begging; and when cripples, and little children, and old women are used, their managers are of the very worst sort. Volumes might be written in the description of the numberless and oft-repeated rascalities and deceptions practised by these rogues on innocent and thoughtless people, but the length this Report has already reached does not allow of anything further on this subject.

The Board would close their Report, by respectfully submitting the claims of the Association to their benevolent fellow-citizens, in whose interest they are laboring, merely remarking that the demands on the Society at this time are extraordinarily pressing.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to "THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA," the sum of————dollars.

N. B.—Persons leaving legacies to this Society will please be particular to give the correct corporate title, as above set forth.

DONATIONS.

Atmore & Son	$ 55 00	Berry, Hurley & Co.	$ 5 00
Ashhurst, L. R.	10 00	Burnham, Parry } Williams & Co	50 00
Allen, J. C.	5 00		
Anspach, Wm	5 00	Benner & Co	5 00
Adams & Keen	10 00	Boyd, T. O	5 00
A Friend	1 00	Buehler, Martin	5 00
A Friend	20 00	Baker, The Misses	10 00
Alter, W. W.	20 00	Bohlen, Henry & Co	10 00
Adams, Rebecca	1 00	B. B. C	5 00
A. & K.	5 00	Beattis & Miller	5 00
Alexander, Bush & Co	5 00	Benner, Henry B	5 00
Allen, W. H. & G. W.	5 00	Benson, Edwin N	100 00
A. W. & Sons	10 00	Brown, D. S. & Co	25 00
A. Z. L., Mrs	5 00	Benson, G. S.	10 00
A Friend	20 00	Boswell & Co	10 00
Andress, Mrs. C. D.	5 00	Bunting, Durboro & Co	10 00
A Friend	20 00	Brooks, Miller & Co	5 00
Blanchard, W. A.	10 00	Bailey, Joshua L	5 00
Baird, W. M.	5 00	Branson & Bro	10 00
Bailey, Joshua	5 00	Clyde & Co., W. P	5 00
Baeder, Adamson & Co	50 00	Clarke, Mrs. M. F	5 00
Brokie, William	10 00	Caldwell, S———	5 00
Baeder, C. B.	10 00	Cooper & Conard	5 00
Benson, R. Dale	5 00	Claghorn, Herring & Co	5 00
Baker, W. C. S.	2 00	Crosby & Co., Henry	5 00
Batchelor, Edward	25 00	Cornelius, R. C	5 00
Brice, Wm. & Co	5 00	Cornelius, R.	20 00
Bodine, Samuel T.	5 00	Cattell & Co., A. G	10 00
Brobst, A	5 00	Clark, John S	5 00
Beatie & Hay	5 00	Campbell, Knowles & Co	5 00
Batchelor, John R	5 00	Carr, George W	10 00
Bullock, B	5 00	Carter, W. T	5 00
Baker, J. R.	5 00	Cook, Samuel C	10 00
Bliss, Theodore	25 00	Carrington, De Zuch & Co	5 00
Brown, David S. & Co	10 00	Cash. A. J. R	4 75
Butcher & Son, W	5 00	Cash. W. B. W	5 00
Bement & Son, W. B.	5 00	Clement & Dunbar	5 00
Bennet & Co.	7 00	Childs, George W.	52 00
Bates & Coates	5 00	Crozer, S. A	5 00
Bispham, Samuel	5 00	Craig, H. L	10 00
Benson, Sophia	1 00	Carr, Mrs. G. W	2 00
Beatty, J. C.	1 00	Comly, Mrs. C	5 00
Baker, Abraham	10 00	Coffin & Altemus	10 00
Burns & Smucker	5 00	Caldwell & Co., J. E	5 00
Brown Bros. & Co	50 00	Cumberland Nail & Iron Co	5 00
Biddle Hdw. Co	10 00	Colburn & Co., A.	5 00
Barcroft & Co	20 00	Cope, John E	10 00
Borie, C. & H.	20 00	Cresswell, Slack & Gemmill	5 00
Bailey, Joel J.	10 00	Coyle, Laughlin & Co.	5 00

Cope Bros	$ 10 00
Cantrell, F. S	50
Cash. G. T. W	5 00
Carpenter, C. L., & Co	10 00
Collins, A. M	5 00
Cabada, E. F. & Co	5 00
Drown, W. A	12 00
Davis, Thomas R	5 00
Davis, G. H	10 00
Dutcher, S	5 00
Dedlow, Louis	4 00
Davis, T. Nelson	1 50
Dotterer, Henry S	5 00
Disston, Henry, & Sons	100 00
Duncan, J. D	5 00
Dawson, James D	2 00
Drexell, A. J	50 00
Drayton, W. H	10 00
Dulles, J. H	5 00
Evans, Jas. B	5 00
E. H., Clinton Street	5 00
Ellis, Chas., Son & Co	20 00
Ellison, John B., & Sons	5 00
E. M. R., Mrs	5 00
Evans, Edward, & Co	10 00
Elliott, John	5 00
Evans, Nelson F	5 00
Fisher, J. Francis	20 00
Furdell, E. D	1 00
Frank & Stretch	5 00
Fouche, W. W	5 00
F. E	5 00
Freedley, J. K	10 00
Ford, John M	5 00
Fryer, George	5 00
Franciscus, A. H	10 00
Foster, J	2 00
Foster, J. G	1 00
Fenton, Thompson & Co	10 00
Felton, Rau & Sibley	5 00
Fries, Phineas	10 00
File, J. C	5 00
Field, Samuel, & Frank	10 00
Garden & Co., C. H	5 00
Gustine, P. P	5 00
Girard Tube Works	5 00
Godley, Henry	10 00
Gerhard, L	10 00
Ghrisky, C. M	5 00
Goodfellow, Edward	5 00
George, S. A	5 00
Guillon, Rene	15 00
Gavit, N	5 00
Garrett & Sons, W. E	20 00
Goldsmith, Sarah	50
Graffin, Robert	3 00
Gillilan, James M	5 00
Godley, Jesse	10 00
Garrett, John	5 00
Ghriskey, Chas. M	$ 5 00
Gutekunts, F	10 00
Garrett, Whitesides & Co	5 00
Grant, W. S	5 00
Gibsons' John, Sons, & Co	25 00
Gaunt, Wm	2 50
Glendening, Davis & Co	5 00
Grove & Shoemaker	5 00
Gillespie, T. L	10 00
Gramster. M	1 00
Homer, Colladay & Co	10 00
Harding & White	10 00
Houston, H. H	10 00
Houston, W. C	10 00
Hall, Edwin	5 00
Hawley, Samuel D	5 00
Houseman, John A	5 00
Hyser, J. W	5 00
Harris, Thomas A	5 00
Hall, James M	1 00
Hunter, John C	5 00
Huey, Samuel C	10 00
Hoyt & Bro., F. A	5 00
Houseman, John W	1 00
Hyatt, Rev. James H	1 00
Hood, Bonbright & Co	30 75
Hyberger, Mary A	5 00
Harrison, Havemeyer & Co	20 00
Hall, A. R	5 00
Hoffman, Jos. D	2 00
Howell & Bros	10 00
Hooley, B., & Son	5 00
Hughes, Thomas	5 00
Hess, Rogers & Co	5 00
H. T	5 00
Heaton, A	5 00
Hanna, Wm. B	5 00
Hodge, H. Lenox	5 00
Harrison, Jas. W	10 00
Hill	5 00
Hannis, H. S	5 00
Hostman, W. J	5 00
Ivins & Dietz	10 00
Izzard, Samuel	2 75
Iungerich & Smith	5 00
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James, Kent, Santee & Co	50 00
Johns, Edwin A	5 00
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Jones, Warner & Co	5 00
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Kennedy, George	5 00
Kindig & Clark	10 00
Keen & Coates	25 00
Kurlbaum, C	25 00
Kollock, B. J	5 00

Keen & Adams	$ 2 00
Ketchum, B	5 00
Kilburn & Gates	10 00
Kirtley, T. H	5 00
Kempton, W. B. & Co.	5 00
Kirk, S. L.	5 00
Kern, Horatio G	10 00
Knight & Co., E. C	5 00
Lewis, Samuel G.	60 00
Laughlin, John	10 00
Lewis, Edwin M	5 00
Linton, C. F	2 00
Lincoln, H. B	10 00
Lea, H. C	10 00
Lewis, Alice	10 00
Leonard, Son & Co	10 00
Lloyd, Suplee & Co	5 00
Lippincott, H. G	5 00
Leibrandt & McDowell	10 00
Lucas, John & Co	5 00
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Lewis, Wharton & Co	10 00
Lewis, John T	5 00
Lewis, Enoch	15 00
Lloyd, Supplee & Walton	50 00
Lockwood, W. & E. G.	10 00
Landreth, D. & Son	5 00
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Mears & Son, H. H.	5 00
Morris, H. G	25 00
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McDonald, James	5 00
Moore, S. & J.	5 00
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Michener & Co., J. H.	10 00
Michener & Morris	10 00
McCallum, Crease & Sloan	10 00
Magee & Co., James F	50 00
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Moore, Bloomfield N	10 00
Marston, John W	10 00
Miller, Andrew H.	20 00
Miller, Hiram	10 00
McClees, E. B	5 00
Massey, K.	5 00
Massey, R. V. M	5 00
McKellar, Thomas	5 00
Milne, C. J.	20 00
McCullough Iron Co	5 00
Martin, James S	5 00
Miller, Chas. H	3 50
Mullin, George	5 00
Morris, Tasker & Co	50 00
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Peterson, P. S.	5 00
Potter, Thomas	25 00
Perkins, J. S	5 00
Prentice & Filler	5 00
Pancoast, Saml. F.	2 00
Philips, Moro.	10 00
Patterson, Joseph	10 00
Pritchet, Baugh & Co.	5 00
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Paul, Mrs	2 00
Pennewill, Mrs. D. C	2 00
Paul, Miss	1 00
Partridge, C. D.	2 00
Queen, John W	5 00
Rowland, Harvey	10 00
Reiff, Wm. K.	1 00
R. McC	1 00
Richardson, Mrs. R.	5 00
Rosengarten & Son	5 00
Rowland, James Day	5 00
Robeno, Andrew, Jr	10 00
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Royer Bros.	5 00
Raiguel, W. & H. R.	5 00
Randolph & Jenks	10 00
Reeves & Parvin	10 00
Richardson, Richard	25 00
Riegel, Jacob & Co.	10 00
Richardson, Hannah	10 00
Sinclair, Thomas	5 00
Sellers, Wm. & Co.	45 00
Schofield & Branson	10 00
Stuart & Bro	100 00
Scott & Co., J. W.	15 00
Smith, James D.	5 00
Spencer, Charles	20 00
Sartain, John	5 00

Smith, D. C. W. & Co.	$ 5 00
Scott, T. S.	5 00
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Stetson & Co., D. S.	10 00
Steele, Hannah	6 00
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Sinclair, W. M.	5 00
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Steel, J., & Co	5 00
Shillingford, J. T.	3 25
Shannon, Jacob	5 00
Spear, D.	5 00
Sloans', H. Sons	5 00
Siner, Charles B.	5 00
Sheppard, J. A.	5 00
Shoemaker & Co., Robert.	5 00
Schwartz & Graff	5 00
Sheppard, J. A.	10 00
Sellers & Bro.	5 00
Steel & Co., Edwd. T.	5 00
Shriver, Rachel	1 00
Sheldrake, Henry.	2 00
Shortridge, Borden & Co.	50 00
Stout, Atkinson & Co.	5 00
Schrack, C. & Co.	5 00
Sharpless & Sons.	5 00
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Sinclair & Morrison	5 00
Stoddard & Bro., C.	5 00
Stokes, Caldwell & Co.	10 00
Stork, Mrs. E. B.	15 00
Smith, W. B.	25 00
Stork, T., Rev.	10 00
Shumway, A. A., & Co	5 00
Stevens, John S	20 00
Taylor, George C.	5 00
Tilghman, Maria	10 00
Tilghman, B. C.	10 00
Thain, David	5 00
Trotter, Chas. W.	25 00
Trueman, W. H.	2 00
Townsend, J. B.	5 00
Taylor, J. Harvy	5 00
The Singer Man'g Co.	20 00
Taylor & Betts	$5 00
Taylor, Wm. Henry	1 00
Tredick, Benjn. T.	20 00
Thomas, Jane	5 00
Taylor, George E	5 00
Trimble, Britton & Wainwright	5 00
Taylor, William	2 00
Thomas, E. A	1 00
Tasker, Thos. T	10 00
Tredick, Benjn. T.	20 00
Van Dusen & Co.	5 00
Vance, James M. & Co	5 00
W. M. C.	5 00
Wright, R. & G. A.	10 00
Way, J. T.	5 00
Watt, J. H.	5 00
Walton, Mrs. S. D.	4 00
Walter, J. H.	5 00
Waln, Ellen	20 00
Waln, Annie	50 00
Wood, Marsh & Co.	5 00
Whitney, J. S.	20 00
Wood, Alan	5 00
Watson & Co., W.	5 00
Wilson, H. H.	20 00
W. R. & Co.	5 00
Watson, Charles	5 00
Wood & Co., Robert	10 00
W. M. C.	10 00
Walborn, R. C.	5 00
Workman & Co.	5 00
West, Thomas	5 00
Wetherill, G. D.	5 00
Wilson, Wm. M.	10 00
Wilstach, Mrs. W. P.	10 00
Williams, Charles	5 00
Whiteman & Son, Stephen F.	5 00
Warthman & Co., A.	5 00
Wolf, Mayer & Co	5 00
Warner, Rhoads & Co.	5 00
Welsh, S. & W.	20 00
Whitney Bros.	25 00
Waln, Anna S.	20 00
Wanner, J. C.	5 00
Waterman, Young & Co.	5 00
Wilstach, A. H.	10 00
White, S. S.	25 00
Walden, Koehn & Co.	10 00
Yarnall, Preston	10 00
Young, Smyth, Field & Co.	5 00
Yerkes & Co., Wm.	5 00
Zeigler & Smith	5 00

THOMAS T. MASON, *in account with "The Home Missionary Society of the City of Philadelphia."*

Receipts from December 16th, 1872, to December 16th, 1873.

December 16, 1872			
To amount on hand from last year			$2,325 09
December 21.			
To Amount of Collection of Spring Garden M. E. Church, per J. S. Custer			34 25
December 30.			
To Amount of Collection in Trinity M. E. Church:			
On plates		$83 88	
Mrs. C. W. Simons		1 00	
Samuel Sauser		20 00	
Joseph Ross		5 00	
J. S. Dingle		10 00	
George J. Bodine		10 00	
Colson Heiskell		5 00	
			134 88
December 31.			
To Amount of Collection in Arch St. M. E. Church:			
In Baskets		$55 35	
Misses Scull and Pindell		5 00	
J. M. Maris		5 00	
Jesse Reynolds		5 00	
A. M. Burton		10 00	
S. Townsend		5 00	
W. Allison		10 00	
J. B. McCreery		50 00	
J. Whiteman		10 00	
Jos. Ferris		4 00	
M. S. McCullough		2 50	
			161 85
January 14, 1873.			
To Amount of Collection in Second U. P. Church			25 00
February 20.			
To Amount from Mrs. E. A. Smith		$50 00	
" " Miss A. Greenleaf		50 00	
Sept. 19. " " Miss A. Greenleaf		50 00	
" " Mrs. E. A. Smith		50 00	
			200 00
February 21.			
To amount through post, from T. R. B. To be given to those the Treasurer thinks most worthy			30 00
February 28.			
To amount from Mrs. James Sutton, Indiana, Pa			5 00
March 3.			
To amount from collection First Ref. Pres. Church			57 75
March 5.			
To amount from Tenth Presbyterian Church			20 00
To amount in a note to Treasurer at office			5 00
March 8.			
To amount part proceeds of a Lecture at Concert Hall, March 6th, 1873			50 00

March 31.
To amount of collection in First Presbyterian Church, (N. L.) Dr. Sheppard's:

In Baskets	$19 17	
John B. Stevenson	10 00	
S. C. Graham	5 00	
Mission Sunday School	10 00	
		44 17

April 15.
To amount of collection in Scott M. E. Church:

In Baskets	$21 50	
Emma Hagerty	50	
Hannah Ogden	1 00	
D. N. Lacey	5 00	
Harry and Wm. J. L. Vaughan	2 00	
Cash	5 00	
		35 00

To amount Male Bible Class, 12th St. M. E. Church..... 6 75

June 2.
To amount of collection in Wharton St. M. E. Church..... 20 04

June 30.
To amount for goods sold above and of capital invested, $500... 40 07

July 21.
To amount of collection in St. George's M. E. Church..... 13 37

August 30.
To W. H. Harding, funeral expenses of Thos. Collins..... 50 00

November 13.
To "Public Ledger," per M. Muckle..... 5 00

November 15.
To Cash by post, S. McH..... 10 00

November 18.
To Cash—a gentleman at the Business Men's Prayer Meeting in Union M. E. Church..... 5 00

To North U. P. Church, per S. C. Huey..... 25 00

November 24.
To collection in Union M. E. Church:

Rebecca Hamett	$ 5 00
Thomas T. Mason	10 00
Ruth A. Wood and Daughter	5 00
E. P. Smithers	1 00
Mrs. E. P. Smithers	2 00
Samuel Milliken	10 00
Mrs. Rev. J. H. Alday	5 00
Chas. A. Pettit	3 00
J. W. George	1 00
G. C. Wilson	5 00
Cash in Baskets	80 26
Geo. Illman	5 00
G. B. Dunmire	1 00
Wm. Lethaby	2 00
M. Bayersdorfer	25
A. McCauley	2 00
Jos. H. Chubb	10 00
J. L. Brallier	1 00
Thos. R. Jorden	5 00
C. Chubb	1 00

H. McDowell	1 00	
W. H. Heisler	10 00	
Geo. M. Reynolds	1 00	
Chas. Ingraham	25	
Mary Ellis	5 00	
T. Stuart	5 00	
Jos. Hayward	5 00	
		181 76
December 5.		
To Collection in Memorial Baptist Church		15 16
December 10.		
To Burnham, Parry, Williams & Co		111 41
To T. H. P		795 97
December 15.		
Balance from Real Estate Account		61 14
" " Sinking Fund		147 83
To Cash from sundry persons		283 08
" Coal sold at half price		146 85
" on account Loans		31 50
" Shoes sold		6 29
" Comfortables sold		5 50
" Intelligence Department		4 30
" Contributions, alphabetically arranged		4,354 75
		$9,448 76
December 16.		
To Balance	$761 80	

The undersigned, appointed by the Board of Managers to audit the Treasurer's account, have carefully attended to that duty; they have compared his vouchers, and find the account correct.

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer at this date, seven hundred and sixty-one dollars and eighty cents.

ANDREW H. MILLER,
HORATIO G. KERN. } *Auditors.*

Philadelphia, December 15, 1873.

THOMAS T. MASON, *in account with "The Home Missionary Society of the City of Philadelphia."*

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December 16, 1872.		
By cash Expense of running the store from December 16, 1871, to December 16, 1872		$433 19
January 18, 1873.		
By cash Prem. of Ins. on stock of Goods		4 00
February 28.		
By cash distributed as directed by T. R. B		30 00
" G. D. Preddy, distributing Annual Reports		15 00
March 17.		
By cash Franklin Reformatory Home for Inebriates (1 week's board)		5 00
April 28.		
By cash returned E. H. Toland, to correct error		10 00
June 30.		
By cash Expense of running the store from December 16, 1872, to June 30, 1873		234 07
July 31.		
By cash Funeral of Thomas Collins	$50 00	
" " " a Child	8 00	
		58 00
December 10.		
By cash Special cases furnished by Burnham, Parry, Williams & Co.		111 41
" " " " T. H. P.		795 97
December 15.		
By cash Taking goods from pawn		16 62
" Printing Annual Reports, &c		70 48
" Advertising		139 82
" Loans in small sums		77 16
" Postage		18 01
" Porterage		75
" Gas Bills		4 14
" Horse Car Tickets for Missionaries		28 35
" For Lodgers at House of Industry		12 00
" " Intelligence Department		49 49
" " Stationery		35
" E. H. Toland, salary, 12 mos		1,100 00
" W. W. Walter, sa'ary, "		900 00
" A. G. Rowland, occasional		50 00
" Paid for Corn Meal		10 50
" " Wood		12 50
" " Coal		2,150 35
" " Groceries		1,117 75
" " Shoes		665 97
" Expenses at Office		22 19
" To the poor in Money, Clothing, Medicine, &c., &c		543 89
		$8,686 96
By Balance		761 80
		$9,448 76

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF:

Frederick Brown, medicine...	$4	00	
D. Jayne & Co. " ...	66	00	
Bullock & Crenshaw, " ...	4	75	
Johnson, Holloway & Co." ...		75	
W. Swain & Co. " ...	4	00	
S. Scott, clothing	5	00	
Mrs. J. A. Stoddard, clothing...	11	00	
Six Friends, " ...	10	50	
W. A. Drown, Jr. " ...	15	00	
Mrs. Scott, 1128 Arch St." ...	2	00	
Mr. Boker, " ...	10	00	
A Friend, stockings.....	2	00	
Rev. A. J. Kynet, D.D., cloth'g.	10	00	
Barry & Taylor, children's hats..	2	00	
W. W. Jenkins, " ..	5	00	
Mrs. Tilton, clothing.....	2	00	
Mrs. Taylor, Frankford.....	6	00	
Charles Parker, clothing.....	15	00	
W. S Martin, "	2	50	
Dr. R. J. McGlitcy, "	10	00	
E. R. Taggert, "	9	25	
Thos. Sweetland, "		50	
S. S. Corbin, children's hats.....	10	00	
Berry, Hurley & Co., shawl.....	1	50	
J. Ashbridge, clothing.....	7	00	
Cox, Smith & Co. "	15	00	
E. Haskell, "	3	00	
Rev. W. J. Paxson,"	5	00	
M. Dunlap, "	2	00	
Bancroft & Co., stationery.....	4	00	
Scott & Bro., paper.....	1	00	
Envelopes.....	$2	50	
Weikel & Smith, coffee.....	11	00	
Hampshire Paper Co., paper...	5	00	
Brooks & Co., corn meal.....	3	00	
Wilson & Co., crackers.....	6	00	
Watson & Brother	24	00	
W. F. Murphy, blank book.....	2	75	
A Friend, coal.....	1	75	
Graff, Watkins & Co., shoes.....	1	25	
J. S Coals, "	7	00	
A. A. Shumway & Co. "	4	75	
A Friend, groceries.....	2	00	
E. Bradford Clark, groceries...	5	00	
Craig, Finley & Co., cards.....	2	50	
Monroe & Smaltz, shoes.....	1	75	
M. C. Miller, clothing, &c.....	10	00	
H. G. Kern, surgical.....	4	25	
E. S. Reeves, shoes.....	1	25	
J. F. Cadmus, "	5	00	
G. S. H., cards.....	2	25	
B. D., clothing.....	10	00	
T. Potten, Sons & Co., oil cloth..	15	00	
W. Butcher & Son, bacon.....	10	00	
W. Watson, crackers.....	13	00	
Koons, Schwarz & Co.....	8	00	
John Stroup & Co., fish.....	9	00	
Coon, Bros. & Co.....	7	00	
Mrs. E. N. Smith.....	6	00	
Burns & Smucker, cheese.....	9	00	
Fleming & Flick, coal.....	1	56	
D. A. Hunter & Co., bonnet...	2	00	

At a special meeting of the Board of Managers of "THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA," held January 23d, 1874, Mr. Thomas T. Mason, having been unanimously elected at a former meeting General Collector of the Society, submitted his resignation of the office of Treasurer—whereupon the Board passed, without dissent, the following resolutions, viz:—

Resolved, That the resignation of Mr. Thomas T. Mason of the office of Treasurer is hereby accepted, to take effect when a successor is chosen.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board and of the Society are due, and hereby tendered to Mr. Mason, for the efficient and upright manner in which he has discharged the many duties of the office of Treasurer, for the last thirty-three years. And his integrity and faithfulness as an officer and manager command our highest respect and confidence, and it is only because of his changed relationship to the Society that we consent to his resignation as Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish Mr. Mason with a copy of these resolutions, and that he publish them in six different daily papers, once a week, on different days, until March 1st.

And at a special meeting of the Board, held January 29th, 1874, Mr. Andrew H. Miller, No. 244 North Third Street, was unanimously elected Treasurer, in place of Mr. Mason, resigned.

RUDOLPH K. HOEFLICH,

Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

ARTICLE I.

Name. This Association shall be known by the name, style and title of "THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA."

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The objects of this Society shall be the spread of the Gospel and the relief of the poor, in such manner as shall Objects. be provided by its By-Laws.

SEC. 2. The operations of this Association, (so far as respects relief to the poor, etc.,) shall be conducted without regard to the religious opinions of those who may have need of its aid.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The business of this Association shall be conducted by twenty-five Managers, who shall be chosen annually, Managers. at such time and place as the By-Laws shall direct.

SEC. 2. The managers so chosen shall from time to time have power to elect from their own body a President, a Vice-Officers. President, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, each to serve one year, or until their successors are elected.

SEC. 3. They shall have power to employ persons as Missionaries. Missionaries, whose duties shall be defined by the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV.

The Board of Managers shall adopt such By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, for the government thereof, as they may deem By-Laws. necessary, PROVIDED, that they shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution and Laws of Pennsylvania, or this Charter.

ARTICLE V.

Any alteration of this Constitution not inconsistent herewith may be made at a meeting of the Society, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, PROVIDED the proposed Amendments. alterations be stated and delivered to the Board of Managers in writing, at least one month before the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Membership. The annual contribution of five dollars will enable any one to become a member of this Society, and the payment of fifty dollars at any one time will constitute a life membership: and

Quorum. at any duly convened meeting of the Association, fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II.

Managers. SECTION 1. The Board of Managers shall be chosen at the annual meetings of the Society in December. Seven of their

Quorum. number being present at any duly convened meeting of the Board, shall constitute a quorum.

Vacancies. SEC. 2. They shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur in their body during the interim of the annual meetings of the Society.

Officers. SEC. 3. At their first stated meeting after the annual meeting of the Society, they shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treas-

Auditors urer, as provided in the Constitution. At this meeting they shall also appoint two of their number, to serve for one year, as Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE III.

The stated meetings of the Board shall be held on the second Friday of January, April, July and October, in each year,

Stated & Special Meetings. at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board. It shall be the duty of the President, at the written request of five members, to convene special meetings of the Board.

ARTICLE IV.

The order of business at each stated meeting shall be:— 1st. Prayer. 2nd. Call of Roll. 3rd. Reading and acting upon

Order of Business. minutes of preceding meeting. 4th. Reading of the General Agent's and Missionaries' Reports. 5th. Treasurer's Report. 6th. Reports of Standing Committees. 7th. Reports of Special Committees. 8th. Unfinished business. 9th. Appropriations. 10th. New business. 11th. Adjournment.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and Society, and preserve order and decorum at the

President. same. In his absence the duties of his office shall devolve on the Vice-President. And in case of the absence of both, a President pro tempore shall be chosen.

Rec. Secretary.

SEC. 2. The Recording Secretary shall summon all meetings of the Society and Board of Managers, and keep minutes of the proceedings of the same, which he shall carefully record in a book provided for that purpose. It shall also be his duty to prepare the annual reports of the Board for presentation at the annual meetings of the Society.

Cor. Secretary.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall attend to all the correspondence pertaining to the business of the Society.

Treasurer.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys received for the use of the Society, and hold them subject to the order of the Board. He shall keep a list of all the members of the Society, alphabetically arranged, in a book provided for that purpose, and shall adopt means, when necessary, to collect the amounts due by them severally. He shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and disbursed by him for the Association, and render a report in writing of the condition of the Treasury, at each stated meeting of the Board. And, at the annual meeting of the Society, he shall present a full report in writing, duly certified to by the Auditors appointed to examine his accounts.

ARTICLE VI.

The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at the first stated meeting of the Board after the annual meeting of the Society, viz:—

Committee on Office.

1. A committee of three, to be called the "COMMITTEE ON OFFICE," whose duty it shall be to exercise a supervisory care over the office. They shall make such an arrangement among themselves as will insure a daily visit to the office by one of their number during the months of November, December, January, February and March.

Supplies.

2. A committee of three, to be called the "COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES," whose duty it shall be to make all necessary arrangements for supplying the Society with groceries, dry-goods, coal, &c., &c.

Finance.

3. A committee of three, to be called the "COMMITTEE ON FINANCE," whose duty it shall be to devise means to keep the Treasury supplied with funds; to direct how, when and where contributions shall be sought and received; to examine all claims against the Society and certify to the correctness of the same or otherwise; and to attend to all business properly belonging to a committee of finance. The Treasurer is authorized to pay all claims against the Society approved by two members of this Committee.

Meetings.

4. A committee of five, to be called the "COMMITTEE ON ANNIVERSARY AND PUBLIC MEETINGS," whose duty it shall

be to make all necessary preparations for the Anniversary and other Public Meetings of the Society.

5. A committee of three, to be called the "COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS AND PRINTING," to whom shall be referred all reports and other papers intended for publication; and it shall be their duty to examine the same carefully, and to select therefrom and publish such portions of them as, in their judgment, will best subserve the interests of the Society. They shall also have power to make such other publications or advertisements in behalf of the Society as, from time to time, they may deem advisable and necessary.

Printing, &c.

6. A committee of five, to be called the "COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT," who shall direct the operations of the "Employment Department."

Employment.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the General Agent to solicit and collect funds, &c., to be applied to the purposes of the Society in accordance with the 2d ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION. He shall make a report of such collections, and pay the same over to the Treasurer at least once a month. He shall also make report to the Finance Committee when required. He shall also superintend and take charge of the office and books connected therewith, subject to the oversight and instructions of the Committee on Office. And when not discharging any of the foregoing duties, he shall perform Missionary service.

General Agent.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Missionaries employed by this Association to visit the poor and destitute in all parts of the city and suburbs, for the purpose of relieving their wants and imparting such religious instruction and encouragement as, in their judgment, may be required. And when not engaged in the performance of these duties, they shall solicit and collect funds, &c., to carry out the objects of the Society, and make report, and pay over the same to the Treasurer, at least once a month. They shall also report to the Finance Committee when required. They shall act under the direction of the General Agent, unless otherwise directed by the Board, or any of the Standing Committees.

Missionaries.

ARTICLE VIII.

THESE BY-LAWS may be amended or altered upon propositions for that purpose in writing being made, at any stated meeting of the Board of Managers, and approved and adopted, by two-thirds of the members present at the next stated meeting. But notice shall be given by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least one month before the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

Amendments.

THE

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,

533 ARCH STREET.

Organized 1833. Chartered June 7th, 1845.

It is not sectarian or denominational.

It visits and relieves the poor, administering to their temporal and spiritual wants.

IT ENCOURAGES AND FINDS EMPLOYMENT FOR THOSE ABLE AND WILLING TO WORK.

It does not encourage street-begging or pauperism.

It uses discretion in almsgiving, and is managed with economy.

IT MAKES A SPECIAL OBJECT OF PROCURING GOOD HOMES FOR DESTITUTE AND POOR CHILDREN.

Call in at its office, 533 Arch Street, to see its workings.

Money is needed to purchase food, fuel, clothes, &c. Donations can be sent direct to the Treasurer, Mr. Andrew H. Miller, 244 North Third Street, or through any of the Managers, or can be left at the office.

Donations of cast-off clothing, bed-clothing, &c., are urgently solicited, and can be sent to the office; or a note can be addressed to the Agent, Mr. Toland, and he will call or send for them.